

110TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 717

Designating December 13, 2008, as “Wreaths Across America Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 20, 2008

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating December 13, 2008, as “Wreaths Across
America Day”.

Whereas, more than 15 years ago, the Worcester Wreath Company, a for-profit business in Harrington, Maine, began a tradition of donating, transporting, and overseeing the placement of Maine balsam fir holiday wreaths on the graves of the fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery each December;

Whereas, since the Worcester Wreath Company began that tradition, through the hard work and generosity of the people involved in the Wreaths Across America project, hundreds of thousands of wreaths have been sent to more than 200 national cemeteries and veterans’ memorials in all 50 states;

Whereas, in December 2008, the Patriot Guard Riders, a motorcycle and motor vehicle group dedicated to patriotic events, with more than 65,000 members nationally, will continue their tradition of escorting a tractor-trailer full of donated wreaths from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery;

Whereas hundreds of volunteers participate in the escort each December;

Whereas Morrill Worcester, President of Worcester Wreath Company, has been nominated for, and received, several awards for his humble service and exemplary patriotism to our Nation through this project; and

Whereas Wreaths Across America will continue this proud legacy on December 13, 2008: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates December 13, 2008, as “Wreaths
3 Across America Day”;

4 (2) honors Wreaths Across America, the
5 Worcester Wreath Company, Morrill Worcester, the
6 Patriot Guard Riders, and all other companies and
7 individuals involved in this worthy legacy; and

8 (3) recognizes the sacrifices our veterans and
9 service members and their families have made, and
10 continue to make, for our great Nation.

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